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<u>AMENDEMENT</u>

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SIR:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Communication dated September 15, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests an extension of time for responding to outstanding Office Communication until March 15, 2004 with the fee thereof to be deducted from applicant's deposit account number 01-1944.

Please amend the application as follows: